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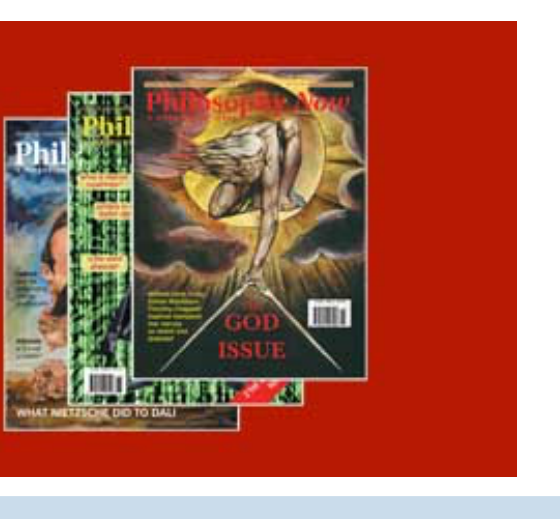

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by **daniel j lavender** » Thu Jan 02, 2025 2:34 am

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I percieve contradiction where it is, perception, if truly percieved, is equally as fragmented as it is connected as it is the spontaneous nature of it is proof.

"Existence is infinite" puts existence in a box and this paradoxical nature leads to the only absolute nature of existence: occurence.

Where we differ is this:

You say: Existence is infinite.

I say: Occurence.

One word is far more simple with this simplicity allowing immense/unlimited flexibility.

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Nothingness is a meaningless term that changes all terms around it. It is a contradictory and paradoxical term and contradictions and paradoxes exist.

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viewtopic.php?p=746539#p746539
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> https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Life

Btw, what is the ultimate aim of your OP?
Is it, existence is Infinite, so God exists!

In what way can your 'existence is infinite' contribute humanity's progress in general and progress toward perpetual peace?

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You reference a somewhat scientific Wikipedia article for the term life. Existence extends beyond Wikipedia. Existence extends beyond science. That is not a dismissal of science, however.

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Review this: viewtopic.php?p=747974#p747974

Do you think humanity is capable of perpetual peace? What does one mean by the term?

In a sense peace is simply being content with things as they are. Existence just is.

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No contradiction as you are taking it out of context. All concepts requires something physical, the distinction is simultaneous as both.

My position? You said mine is indistinct. Contradiction is an occurence. So is non-contradiction. So is paradox. So is non-paradox. I am relatively free, you unity of all things is not for it where you would have to acknowledge falsity as truth.

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> Space could be considered material or immaterial. A solid object or material body such as a stone, its spatial extent, could be considered some volume of physical or material space. A volume with no apparent matter or material composition, such as the vacuum of outer space, could be considered immaterial space.

They are not clear at all, as your definition is subjective.

Relative nothingness is an absence of a specific thing or things, as an absence nothingness exists.

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Re: Existence Is Infinite

by **Veritas Aequitas** » Thu Jan 02, 2025 6:14 am

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It is still meaningless, i.e.

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Very true, infinite existence is quite meaningless in many respects and the concept of infinity is neither truly axiomatic nor meaningful in its own terms.

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